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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: GOG VIEWS RE GOES VETO OF CABEI CAPITAL EXPANSION PLAN

REF: A) SAN SALVADOR 0402; B) TEGUCIAGLPA 0440; C) SAN JOSE 0377

1. SUMMARY: GOG PRIVATELY SYMPATHETIC TO GOES POSITION BUT
DECIDED AGAINST OPEN SUPPORT FOR FEAR OF ANTAGONIZING GOH.

2. ON VARIOUS OCCASIONS IN RECENT YEARS GOG MINECON
MOLINA IN PRIVATE CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF
HAS EXPRESSED OPINION VERY SIMILAR TO THAT ATTRIBUTED TO
BCR OFFICIAL IN REFTEL A. JUST BEFORE JANUARY 28 REGULAR
SESSION OF CABEI, VICE MINISTER FOR INTEGRATION BARRIOS
MADE SAME POINT IN DISCUSSING FUTURE OF CACM WITH EMBOFF.
HE SAID "HONDURAS HAS TWO FACES WHEN IT COMES TO INTEGRATION;
ONE INVOLVING ITS TREATY COMMITMENTS AND ONE INVOLVING
CABEI. PERHAPS ITS TIME TO FORCE THE ISSUE BY DECLARING
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GOH INELIGIBLE FOR CABEI FUNDS UNLESS IT RESPECTS THE

GENERAL TREATY".

3. FOLLOWING GOES VETO, EMBOFF CALLED ON BARRIOS TO MEASURE REACTION SINCE VETO APPEARED MESH SO CLOSELY WITH PREVIOUSLY EXPRESSED VIEWS. BARRIOS DID NOT ATTEMPT TO GIVE HIS EARLIER WORDS A NEW COLORATION. HE SAID GOG COULD NOT PUBLICLY SUPPORT GOES (AND ACCORDINGLY HAD VOTED FOR CAPITAL EXPANSION) BECAUSE TO DO SO WOULD HAVE ANTAGONIZED GOH AND THUS WOULD HAVE CONFLICTED WITH GOG POLICY OF SERVING AS GOOD AGENT IN GOES-GOH DISPUTE. NEVERTHELESS, BARRIOS CONTINUED, INVOLVED GOG OFFICIALS HAVE WELCOMED GOES MOVE AS ONE THAT WOULD FORCE THE ISSUE. MORE EXPLICITLY, HE SAID HE WAS GLAD THE "SALVADORANS HAD FINALLY PUT THEIR PANTS ON."
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